

Amendment and Response

Applicant: Kelli Hodge Kennedy et al

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Title: DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH CONSOLIDATED DOCUMENT SERVICES MANAGEMENT

REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 19, 2004, in which claims 1, 3-21, and 23-30 were rejected. With this amendment, claims 8, 18, 20, and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 1, 9, 10, 19, 26, and 27 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-17, 19, 21, 23-27, 29, and 30, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

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Applicant notes that Foreign Patent Document "1L" (WO 00/03342) listed on the Form PTO-1449 previously filed on February 13, 2001 was not initialed as being considered by the Examiner. Although it appears as though the Examiner considered the reference on July 27, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the box adjacent reference "1L" be initialed by the Examiner and that an initialed and signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned (see MPEP 609, subsection III.C(2)). For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 previously filed on February 13, 2001 was enclosed with the previous Amendment and Response filed on October 28, 2003.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-21, and 23-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Griggs U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0029384 in view of Sako et al. U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0128936.

With this Amendment, independent claims 1, 9, 10, 19, 26, and 27 have been amended to clarify that the document includes at least one of textural and graphical information, and to clarify that the document distribution services include at least one of print services, electronic mail services, and publishing services.

With respect to the Griggs and Sako et al. publications, neither of these publications, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a method of distributing a document of a user as claimed in independent claim 1, a computer-readable medium having computer-executable

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instructions for performing a method of distributing a document of a user as claimed in independent claim 9, a system for distributing a document of a user as claimed in independent claim 10, a method of managing document distribution services of a plurality of document distribution providers as claimed in independent claim 19, a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of managing document distribution services of a plurality of document distribution providers as claimed in independent claim 26, nor a system for managing document distribution services as claimed in independent claim 27.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 9, 10, 19, 26, and 27 are patentably distinct from the Griggs and Sako et al. publications and, therefore, are in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 3-7 further define patentably distinct claim 1, dependent claims 11-17 further define patentably distinct claim 10, dependent claims 21 and 23-25 further define patentably distinct claim 19, and dependent claims 29 and 30 further define patentably distinct claim 27, Applicant submits that dependent claims 3-7, 11-17, 21, 23-25, 29, and 30 are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 3-21, and 23-30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1, 3-7, 9-17, 19, 21, 23-27, 29, and 30 be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3-7, 9-17, 19, 21, 23-27, 29, and 30 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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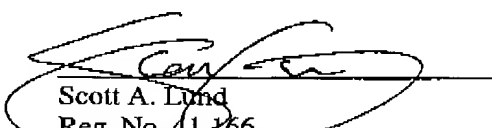
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